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CYCLONE CUTS A PATH

Twister Tears Things For a Space of Several Miles.

WOMAN KILLED NEAR AINSWORTH.

Body Is Nearly Severed In Twain—Several Families Crawl Into Their Caves Just In Time—Buildings Wrecked, Crops Destroyed and Stock Killed.

AINS WORTH, Neb., July 6.—A destructive cyclone passed Ainsworth two miles to the north yesterday afternoon, killing one woman and tearing houses, barns, fences and bridges into kindling wood.

The cyclone seemed to form about 15 miles northwest of Ainsworth. The motion of the funnel-shaped cloud was most distinct and was witnessed by the entire population. It was first noticed about 4 o'clock and was headed in a direct line for this town, finally passing just north and breaking about three miles east.

Its first destructive work was on the farm of John Strohm, four miles northwest of Ainsworth, demolishing everything in sight. Luckily the family took to a cave and no one was injured.

It next struck the house of William Lockmiller, a mile to the east. Mrs. Lockmiller had sought refuge in the cellar with her three smallest children. Her oldest son not coming and fearing he might be killed in the barn, where he was working, Mrs. Lockmiller started to call him just as the cyclone reached them. As she arrived at the door the house was moved from its foundation and she was crushed into a lifeless mass and her body nearly severed in twain at the waist. The children, however, were unhurt.

The farm of Rev. T. W. Delong, about two miles north of town, was next visited. Here the funnel remained almost stationary for a few moments, while its tail swung around to the east of the house, striking the stable, corncribs and sheds and whirling them in a confused mass over the prairie to the north, leaving the house intact. A moment later, however, it enveloped the house in a cloud and when it cleared away not even the foundation was left standing.

Rev. Delong and family, consisting of wife and three children, had taken refuge in the cellar and were unhurt.

On went the cyclone, tearing down fences and uprooting small trees and shrubbery in its way until it reached Bone creek bridge on the Mendville road, which also disappeared. A little later the storm reached a farm house belonging to George Brown, tenanted by Charles Trotter, two and a half miles northeast of Ainsworth and two miles east of Delong's. Here it made so complete a wreck of the house that not a vestige of it remained. Fortunately Mr. Trotter and family left home for Ainsworth a short time previously.

The last place visited was an untenanted house belonging to W. H. Hurling of Ainsworth, a mile further on. The wreck was complete, the house being strewn over the prairie for hundreds of yards. At this point the cyclone dissolved into a black cloud.

All crops were completely destroyed and much stock killed in the course of the storm.

CASUALTIES OF "FOURTH."

Thirty-Three Reported Killed, 1,730 Injured; Fire Loss, \$233,070.

CHICAGO, July 6.—The Tribune's Fourth of July list includes returns from 250 cities and towns. The leading figures are: Dead, 33; injured, 1,730; fire losses, \$233,070. Injured by cannon crackers, 731; injured by powder explosions, 257; injured by toy cannon, 250; hit by stray bullets, 60. All these accidents are due to the celebration of July 4.

Dies From the Shock.

CHICAGO, July 6.—Steven L. Dows, Jr., died yesterday of alcoholism and from the effects of the shock upon realization of the fact that he had shot his brother. It developed that it was while he was insane from the effect of liquor that he shot his brother, Colonel Dows, on Monday evening. The colonel was trying to disarm him when the weapon was discharged. The deceased was a member of one of the most prominent and highly respected families in Iowa and the whole city is shocked at his tragic end.

Miraculous Escape For Passengers.

ELKO, Nev., July 6.—Passenger train No. 1 was completely wrecked yesterday about three miles from Elko. Several persons received slight injuries, but it is thought none were fatally hurt. The wreck was caused by the rails spreading and the drawhead of the engine pulling out. Six cars, including the mail, baggage and express cars and three sleepers, were overturned and two day coaches derailed. It is a miracle that no one was killed.

Boats Obstruct the Channel.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., July 6.—The steamers John K. Speed and Alice of Kansas, and the towboats State Brown and Smoky City, are aground at Ford's Ferry, practically obstructing the channel. Captain Hyatt of the Smoky City says that unless the river rises the boats may stick there all summer.

Balloonist Has a Fall.

SIoux CITY, July 6.—W. A. Ward, a Sioux City balloonist, met with an accident at Lakeview which may result in his death. His balloon ripped open and he fell 130 feet to the ground. Five thousand people saw him drop.

FRAUD IS ALLEGED.

Sensational Charges Made With Regard to Gulf Receivership.

KANSAS CITY, July 6.—Sensational charges against the former management of the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railroad were made in the federal court here yesterday. Soon after the railroad went into the hands of receivers the Kansas City Suburban Bolt Railway company filed a claim for \$133,000, claiming this amount for the use of its terminals by the Gulf road. The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Trust company also filed a claim for \$22,500 for money claimed to have been advanced to the Gulf road. In an answer filed yesterday Receivers Fordyce and Withers not only ask that payment of these claims be refused, but charge that the corporations presenting them are only two of several that have been feeding upon the Pittsburg and Gulf. The receivers say: "The Trust company does not come into court with clean hands and should not be permitted to recover on the accounts presented."

ALL QUIET AT RENNES.

Trouble May Arise During Celebration of National Fete Day.

RENNES, July 6.—Madame Dreyfus, Mathieu Dreyfus, his brother, and Maitre Laborie, his counsel, visited the prisoner yesterday, but otherwise no special incident occurred. As an illustration of the indifference of the population, it is worthy of note that the words "Vive Dreyfus" chalked upon a wall in a corner of the town remains absolutely undisturbed. Many, however, predict trouble on the national fete day, when a review of the garrison will be held. The anti-Dreyfusites, it is feared, will attempt to draw the troops into a demonstration.

Fistic Carnival at Dubuque.

DUBUQUE, July 6.—The Dubuque Athletic club was organized yesterday. John P. Lux of Dubuque was made president and L. M. Houseman of Chicago secretary and general manager. The opening show will consist of a three-days' carnival, Aug. 29, 30 and 31. Root and Byers have been matched to decide the middleweight championship of America. Propositions for matches have also been made by several of the best known pugilists, including George Dixon, Peter Maher and Joe Choynski.

State Records Smashed.

OTTUMWA, Ia., July 6.—The new ten-lap board bicycle track of the Ottumwa Bicycle association, on which the L. A. W. state meet will be held July 26 and 27, was dedicated last night and 3,000 people saw several state records smashed. The final of the one mile tandem was won by the Hoopes brothers of Des Moines in 2:04, the previous state record being 2:18. The mile professional was won by A. G. Oudkirk of Cedar Rapids in 2:21½. He also went a half mile un-paced, flying start, in 1:08¾.

Two Insurance Offices.

LINCOLN, July 6.—While the last two days have brought out no new developments in the controversy between the state auditor and Governor Poynter as to who shall conduct the business of the insurance department, the situation is becoming more complicated every day. State Auditor Cornell is still operating an insurance department in his office and Deputy Insurance Commissioner Bryant is doing likewise.

Kills Mother and Baby Sister.

TOPEKA, July 6.—At Coates, Kan., yesterday Willie Porter, aged 9, playfully pointed a revolver which he found in the hired man's room at his baby sister, who was sitting on her mother's lap, and pulled the trigger. The ball passed through the baby's head and the mother's heart, killing both instantly.

Ashland Treasurer Short.

ASHLAND, Neb., July 6.—City Treasurer John W. Moon is short in his accounts and has left the city. It is currently reported that his bondsmen have known of the shortage for some little time and have been endeavoring to get a settlement out of him. The amount of the default is \$2,850.

Catholic Plenary Council.

MARSHALL, Mich., July 6.—Rev. Father P. A. Baart, the well known canonist, in the presence of several prominent clergymen gathered from various states for an anniversary celebration, asserted that a fourth plenary council of the Catholic bishops of the United States will be held in this country in about two years. Various questions of discipline will be treated by the council.

Ravages of Yellow Jack.

SANTIAGO, July 6.—Ten new cases of yellow fever and seven deaths were officially reported yesterday. All the victims of the disease were soldiers except one, an American blacksmith. A new fever hospital has been established near Boniato camp, north of El Caney.

Successor For R. P. Bland.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., July 6.—Governor Steiwer yesterday ordered a special election to be held on Tuesday, Aug. 29, to fill the vacancy in the Eighth Missouri district caused by the death of Congressman Richard P. Bland.

Death of Ex-Governor Richardson.

COLUMBIA, S. C., July 6.—At midnight ex-Governor John Peter Richardson died at the Hotel Jerome, very unexpectedly, of heart disease. He had been in failing health for some years. He was 69 years of age and leaves a widow.

Surgeon Dies of Fever.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—The war department has received a dispatch from Santiago de Cuba stating that Surgeon Clendennin died there July 4, of yellow fever.

HAVOC OF THE FLOOD.

Extent of Damage In Texas Impossible to Describe.

ESTIMATES OF LOSS OF LIFE VARY.

Range From One Hundred to Three Hundred—Sixty Bodies Recovered—Property Loss Is Placed All the Way From Five to Fifteen Millions.

HOUSTON, Tex., July 6.—A correspondent has returned from a voyage through the flood districts. The half has not been told of the havoc wrought. The disaster is so appalling that description is not possible. After this flood will come sickness undoubtedly, and what a week ago was the fairest part of Texas is now almost a God-forsaken wilderness. The waters of the Brazos have for six days covered its lands from six to thirty feet; where a week ago there were on every hand fields of cotton and corn and thousands of acres of melons, today there is slimy mud over all the vegetation. The carcasses of cows, mules, pigs, dogs and cats, mayhap humans, for many are missing, are to be seen on every hand. The party left at sunrise yesterday, going to the Navasota bottoms. Everything is under water from two to seventeen feet. It looked on all sides like a great lake, and the water was so high that for a vast area it completely submerged the telegraph and telephone poles along the line. In truth, portions of the Navasota bottoms are even now a perfect sea, extending four or five miles wide at a certain point. I saw hundreds of houses there totally submerged. The planters are all nobly helping each other and taking refuge wherever they can, some of them seeking safety on house-tops.

The flood district has a length of over 500 miles, a breadth of probably 50 miles and in all this vast space incalculable damage has been done.

The loss to life will never be fully known, perhaps. The bottoms were thickly settled, mostly by negro tenant farmers and among these has been the greatest loss of life. To show the damage done the following estimates have been made by men who are in a position to know:

Lives lost, from 100 to 300; loss to farmers, including crops as well as live stock, from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000; damage to railroads and to country bridges, \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000. These estimates are taken in the whole area. It is known that more than 60 people have met their deaths, that many bodies having been recovered.

Two Hundred Are Reported Dead.

FORT WORTH, Tex., July 6.—A telephone message from Deputy Sheriff Swearingin of Calvert, says that fully 200 lives have been lost by flood within a radius of 30 miles of Seale. Yesterday nearly 100 were drowned in the vicinity of "The Mound," a small piece of highland near old San Felipe, to which hundreds of negroes fled from the Brazos bottoms, taking their horses and cattle. The waters have gradually encroached on them until only about half an acre of space remains, and this the water will probably sweep soon. The 300 negroes are huddled with death staring them in the face. Drowning is almost sure, while starvation is certain. The nearest point of land is three miles away.

Caused by Cloudbursts.

GALVESTON, July 6.—The Texas flood situation results from four days' steady rain beginning June 26, which at some points partook of the nature of cloudbursts. In some cases the rainfall was 20 inches. The flood condition in the lower Brazos valley at Brookshire, Wallis, Richmond, Rosenberg, Thompson, Duke, Arcola, Fulshear, Chenango and Columbia is very bad. It is feared when the floods now rising get to Thompson and Rosenberg the consequences will be severe. The river is rising at Thompson.

MUCH LAND UNDER WATER.

Wheat In Neosho Valley Ruined and Corn Damaged—One Man Drowned.

HUMBOLDT, Kan., July 6.—It has rained in this section for 20 hours. The Neosho valley is flooded under six feet of water. Many fields of wheat are gone and the corn along the river will be damaged. G. Brady, a farmer, was drowned while trying to save some stock.

CHANDLER, July 6.—The Neosho river is out of its banks at this place and steadily rising. The levees are broken at several points and the bottom lands for miles up and down the river are flooded. Thousands of dollars worth of wheat in stacks is floating down the river with barns and outbuildings.

LOLA, July 6.—All small rivers in this section are out of their banks and three bridges have been carried away in Allen county. Considerable wheat, left in the bottoms, was carried away and the loss in hogs and cattle will amount to thousands of dollars.

Becker on the Stand.

CHICAGO, July 6.—August Becker, on trial for murdering his wife and boiling up the body, was on the stand in his own behalf yesterday. He denied any part in the killing of his wife, who was, he claimed, beaten to death by George Sutterlin, the father of Becker's second wife. Becker admitted assisting Sutterlin to dispose of the body by boiling it.

Reservoir Gives Away.

MOLINE, Kan., July 6.—Heavy rains caused the bursting of the Santa Fe reservoir near here. The reservoir covered 60 acres and held 35 feet of water.

BISHOP NEWMAN IS DEAD.

Passes Away at Saratoga After a Week's Illness.

SARATOGA, N. Y., July 6.—Bishop John P. Newman of the Methodist Episcopal church is dead. The wonderful vitality exhibited by Bishop Newman, who had been in a serious condition since early Sunday morning, astonished friends and physicians. All hope of his recovery was abandoned more than 24 hours before he died. Among those who volunteered their services at the Newman cottage were Mrs. U. S. Grant, Mrs. Fred D. Grant and Miss Julia Grant.

The immediate cause of death was pneumonia and myelitis.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon his pulse was hardly perceptible. The physicians in attendance recognized that the end was near and relatives and immediate friends were summoned to



BISHOP JOHN P. NEWMAN.

the bedside. The bishop became conscious shortly before his death and recognized his wife, Mrs. U. S. Grant and others, who arrived at the scene a moment or so later. Mrs. Newman is almost crushed by her bereavement. Inasmuch as she is in comparatively feeble health, it is believed she will not long survive her husband. Telegrams and cablegrams of sympathy are coming from all points. A dispatch from Bishop Randolph Foster at Roxbury, Mass., announces that he will reach Saratoga today and complete arrangements for the funeral. It will take place at the First Methodist Episcopal church in this city Saturday afternoon.

Bishop Newman was elected a bishop in 1888 and under the regulations of the general conference he had to choose between Omaha and Houston, Tex., as his episcopal residence. He elected to come to Omaha and until 1896 he continued to make his home in that city. It was a source of regret to many of his friends that he was never provided with an episcopal residence, and this fact is said to have had a material influence in inducing the board of bishops to remove him to San Francisco.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Cecil Rhodes says he is not in favor of force against the Transvaal.

The American Association for the Advancement of Osteopathy met in Indianapolis Wednesday.

The cruiser Newark has arrived at Valparaiso and will go to Callao, Peru, the extent of her present orders.

The United States cruiser Marblehead, which is on her way to the Pacific station, has arrived at Talcahuano, Chile.

As a result of the trial races at New York the yacht Constance will probably sail for the Seawanhaka cup next month.

The prefect of Navarre announces the seizure of four cases of arms smuggled from France for the use of the Carlists.

"Con" O'Leary, a well known pugilist, died at Milwaukee Wednesday from injuries received in a saloon row a few days ago.

Edward H. Fallows and Henry Puyser were appointed receivers of the Metropolitan Building company, a New Jersey corporation.

Mrs. M. W. Simmons and her grandson, Arthur Bartlett, Jr., of New York, were drowned in the sand at Oakland Beach, near Rye, N. Y., Wednesday.

The annual convention of the National German-American Teachers' association began at Cleveland, Wednesday evening with about 200 delegates present.

A final decision was reached Wednesday by the naval board of bureau chiefs to put a two-inch nickel steel protective deck on the six small cruisers about to be built.

As a result of the conference between the English and French naval commanders at St. Johns an attempt will be made to minimize as much as possible the trouble along the treaty coast.

The transports Ohio and Newport, with the members of the Oregon volunteers on board, are due at San Francisco within the next week and preparations for the return of the soldiers are being made.

Thomas B. Day, who has managed the New York baseball club through the season, was released Wednesday by President Freedman and Fred Hoey, the well known trap shot, was appointed in his place.

After fighting against death for 40 hours with three deep stitches closing a wound in his heart, Rabbi Louis Ginsberg, who was murderously assaulted at Birmingham by three negroes, died Wednesday.

YEAR OF GREAT GAIN.

Phenomenal Prosperity of the Christian Endeavor Society.

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND RECRUITS

Work of the Society Extending Into Foreign Countries, Even Russia Being Invaded—Father Clark Again Chosen President.

DETROIT, July 6.—The afternoon of the preliminary day of the annual international convention of Christian Endeavor was showery, but toward evening the sun broke through the clouds and the travel from all parts of the city to the Christian Endeavor grounds began. At sundown long waving lines of young people from various directions wended across the green fields about the white tented city, all converging toward Tent Endeavor, beneath whose broad spreading canvass the welcoming rally was held. The crowds poured in through the four entrances on either side and down the six broad sawdust covered aisles until the tent's capacity of 10,000 was filled; after that a crowd of outsiders obtained sight and hearing through dropping of the tent walls at either side. A thousand and white capped young men and maids composed the choir on the big stage, the front of which was occupied by the officers and clergy.

Promptly at 7:30 the comparative silence was broken by the swelling strains of "The Son of God Goes Forth to War," followed by "Onward, Christian Soldiers," etc., in all of which the great crowd enthusiastically joined.

Devotional exercises were led by the Rev. J. C. Butler of Washington. The welcome of the local committee was extended by William H. Strong, its chairman. Rev. Charles B. Newman eloquently addressed the convention on behalf of the Detroit pastors.

Address of President Clark.

At 11 o'clock Dr. Clark called to order the annual meeting of the United society in the Hotel Cadillac. Dr. Clark spoke in part as follows:

"The past year of Christian Endeavor work has been a year of remarkable prosperity, and the accession of 100,000 to our ranks within the last 12 months is no small addition."

"I recently made a journey to the West Indies, which was full of encouragement and hope. I found in the island of Jamaica very deep and intelligent interest in the movement. In Cuba, too, I found the beginnings of Christian Endeavor and a very hopeful spirit and outlook for the future. In other lands Christian Endeavor seems to be obtaining constantly a firmer foothold. Russia, which a year ago was the only country without Christian Endeavor, has now been invaded by the movement and we hear of our society almost within the czar's household."

The present officers of the United society were unanimously re-elected, as follows: President, Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark; secretary, John Willis Baer; treasurer, William Shaw, all of Boston.

EDUCATORS EN ROUTE.

School Teachers Headed for Los Angeles Fifteen Thousand Strong.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 6.—The school teachers of the national educators are headed for Los Angeles, 15,000 strong. This information is based on reports that from time to time have been received at the local National Educational association headquarters and are now confirmed by Dr. Irwin Shepard, the general secretary of the National Educational association. Teachers and many others are now arriving here at the rate of 400 a day and the number of visitors will grow daily from now until the first day of the convention.

The city of Cincinnati is after next year's convention, and with energy which, if not headed off by some other city competitor of distinction, bids fair to capture the prize.

Result of Golf Matches at Owentsia.

LAKE FOREST, Ill., July 6.—Only one western man now remains to battle for the amateur golf championship in the tournament at Owentsia. Yesterday's game saw the downfall of four out of five of the men who were successful in Tuesday's match games. Walter Fairbanks of Denver was vanquished by H. P. Toler of the Baltrusol Golf club. D. R. Forgan, went down before the prowess of Champion Findlay S. Douglass, William Holabird, Jr., the 16-year-old player of the Glenview Golf club of Chicago, was beaten by another westerner, C. B. McDonald of the Chicago Golf club.

Listened to Mayor Jones.

TOLEDO, July 6.—The Missouri and Kansas delegations of the Christian Endeavor en route for Detroit, stopped yesterday in Toledo in order to hear an address by Mayor Jones. The plan was not determined upon until after the delegation left their homes. Mayor Jones met the Endeavorers at the Boddy house and spoke to them for half an hour on "The Golden Rule" and was accorded an enthusiastic hearing.

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